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In accordance with 37 C.F.R., §§ 1.97-1.99, applicant submits the following information which may be of interest to the examiner in charge of the above referenced application for patent. Copies of the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, List of Prior Art Cited by Applicant, are attached.

Also being submitted herewith is a copy of the French Search Report with respect to FR 0215600 which shows the relevancy of the listed patent which are also being submitted. . . : :

Respectfully submitted,

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